

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Board of Control Appointment
(Recommendation under separate cover)

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

702 KAR 7:065

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the appointment of an at-large member to the KHSAA Board of Control?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. In July 1993, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) appointed a Commission on Interscholastic Athletics to study the optimum methods and best practices to deliver quality high school interscholastic athletic programs. At the January 1994 KBE meeting, the Commission presented a report outlining recommendations for improvement of the governance of interscholastic athletics. One of the recommendations of the Commission adopted by the KBE was the amendment of the KHSAA Constitution to require the appointment of four outside, at-large members recommended by the Commissioner of Education to the Board of Control. The addition of outside members with possible financial expertise was felt to be a way of broadening the expertise of the Board of Control relative to governance issues.

The Constitution of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, Article IV, Section 2 was amended to read as follows:

“Four (4) at-large members of the Board of Control are to be appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education. These members are to be at-large appointments recommended by the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education. These appointees shall not be an employee of any member school or its central administration, or the administration of the Kentucky Department of Education. At least one of these appointees shall be an African-American and one shall be a female. Terms of the at-large members shall be staggered so that one is appointed each year.”

It further notes that:

“Members of the Board of Control shall serve a four-year term of office unless filling an unexpired term created by the death or resignation of a member, in which case the balance of the remaining term is the term in office. The term year for the Board of Control is July 1 through June 30.”

Current at-large members serving on the KHSAA Board of Control are:

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| • Mr. Gene Norris | 2009 - 2013 | Term Expiration date: June 30, 2013 |
| • *Ms. Lea Wise Prewit | 2006 – 2010 | Term Expiration date: June 30, 2014 |
| • *Mr. R. Jeffrey Schlosser | 2007 – 2011 | Term Expiration date: June 30, 2011 |
| • Mr. William Beasley | 2008 – 2012 | Term Expiration date: June 30, 2012 |

* Currently serving a second term.

Policy Issues and Options:

Mr. R. Jeffrey Schlosser's term ends June 30, 2011. The board is required to select a candidate to fill the upcoming term of the position he is currently holding.

Staff Recommendation and Rationale:

The public process for soliciting candidates for the KHSAA Board of Control at-large position yielded seventeen (17) potential applicants. As specified in the KBE-approved process, the KDE Liaison to KHSAA reviewed all applications to determine if the minimum criteria were met and determined only ten of the applicants were eligible for further consideration. The KHSAA Liaison formed an Application Review Team composed of KDE staff and each member reviewed the materials for each qualified candidate. The Team assessed each candidate based on the information presented in his or her letter of intent, resume and letters of recommendation. The criteria included: community involvement, business experience, involvement in education and civic/parent activities. Based on the results, the candidate(s) were submitted to the Commissioner of Education for final review and recommendation to the KBE.

Pursuant to requirements of the KHSAA constitution, the Commissioner will recommend an individual for appointment to the Board. That recommendation will be forwarded to the board under separate cover prior to the April meeting.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Strong extracurricular programs, such as athletic programs, are often critical ways to keep some students in school. Appointments such as these are necessary to maintain the effective governance of such programs.

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